Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0006] as follows:

[0006] This and other objects and advantages are achieved by the method according to the invention, which starts a fuel cell system with a fuel cell stack and a heating device connected upstream of the fuel cell stack to heat a cooling agent to be circulated by a coolant pump. The cold fuel cell stack is operated at a capacity that generates enough power to operate the heating device and the coolant pump. The power generated by the fuel cell is used to operate the heating device for heating the coolant and the coolant pump for circulating the coolant between the fuel cell stack and the heating device; and the heating device is switched off as soon as the fuel cell stack has reached a ~~present~~ preset temperature that is higher than the original temperature.

Please amend paragraph [0020] as follows:

[0020] Referring to the Figure, a fuel cell stack 10 with one anode 12 and one cathode 14 are disclosed. Hydrogen is supplied to the anode 12 from a source (not shown) via a line [[6.]] 16. Via a line 18, the cathode 14 is supplied with oxygen in the form of air, which has been compressed by a compressor 20. During its operation, the fuel cell stack 10 uses the supplied hydrogen and oxygen to produce power and water in a manner which is known in the art (and therefore will not be explained in more detail).